



# Watch For Downtown Pedestrians And New Crosswalks During The Augusta Memorial Bridge Closure

*It's important to remember that nearly 1,000 workers in downtown Augusta will be getting used to new crosswalks, new parking areas and meeting others to carpool. Motorists need to recognize that pedestrians will be very vulnerable, especially at dusk when they are leaving work.*

## Some safety tips for pedestrians:

- Two-thirds of pedestrian fatalities occur between dusk and dawn. Wear reflective clothing and always carry a flashlight if you're not in a well-lit area.
- Look left, right and then left again before crossing.... even on a one-way street!
- Cross the street at designated crosswalks. If there are no crosswalks, cross the street only where you can see and be seen clearly in both directions.
- When crossing to the rail bed parking area, use the crosswalk at the south end of Commercial St (behind the Key Bank building).
- The Front Street parking lot (bordering the Kennebec River) should be accessed via the crosswalk in front of the Key Bank Building on Water Street.
- Don't assume cars will stop just because you're in a crosswalk. Make eye contact with the motorist and make sure they slow down before using the crosswalk.
- Don't enter a crosswalk quickly or walk out between cars. Motorists may not have a chance to slow down or stop.
- Avoid wearing audio headphones- they can prevent you from hearing approaching vehicles, a horn or screeching brakes.

## A caution for motorists and pedestrians:

Regardless of how slowly cars are moving, pedestrians are very vulnerable.

A recent study estimates that:

- 5% of pedestrians would die if struck by a vehicle traveling 20 mph at impact;
- 40% would die if struck by a vehicle traveling 30 mph;
- 80% would die if struck by a vehicle traveling at 40 mph; and
- Nearly 100% would die when struck by vehicles traveling at speeds over 50 mph.

***Remember...we're all in this together  
so drive safely and courteously.***